





## Jordan, China call for international Mideast peace conference

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan and China Monday voiced their strong belief that the Middle East issue can only be solved through political means which would ensure a just and durable peace and through the projected international Middle East peace conference to be convened under the United Nations auspices, with the participation of all concerned parties, including the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

The views of the two sides were expressed in a press statement at the end of Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qun's visit to Jordan during which he held talks with government officials and delivered a message to His Majesty King Hussein from the Chinese leadership.

The two sides commended the PLO's positive stand and condemned Israel's intransigent position and its repressive and brutal treatment of the Palestinian people who are involved in an uprising to regain their freedom.

On Lebanon, the two sides expressed their support for the country's independence and territorial integrity and called for all efforts to be made to restore peace and security, the withdrawal of all Israeli forces from Lebanon and an end to foreign interference in Lebanon's affairs.

They expressed support for the Arab League tripartite committee's mission to bring about peace in Lebanon and hoped that all concerned parties will cooperate with the committee to achieve success.

The two sides also referred to the situation in the Gulf and called for the full implementation of U.N. Security Council Resolution 598 to achieve total peace through negotiations.

They also called for the complete withdrawal of all foreign forces from Kampuchea to pave the way for an overall settlement.

On his last day here, Qian met with Prime Minister Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker to review bilateral

cooperation, world affairs and regional issues.

Sharif Zaid and Qian both reaffirmed the need for resolving the Gulf, Middle East and other regional issues within the United Nations framework and Security Council resolutions.

They reassured the need for a just and durable Middle East settlement that can guarantee the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people in their homeland.

Sharif Zaid and Qian also reviewed means of bolstering cooperation in different areas.

Earlier Monday Qian met with Minister of Planning Ziyad Fariz to discuss economic developments in the Middle East region and their effect on the national economy. Fariz briefed the visitor on Jordan's economic reform programme and opportunities for investment in the Kingdom.

Upon his departure from Amman for Cairo, the Chinese minister said he was briefed by His Majesty King Hussein on Jordan's endeavours to attain permanent peace in the region.

His talks in Jordan, he said, covered bilateral cooperation in industrial, commercial, economic and technical fields.

Qian said he hoped to open the door for Jordanian contractors to work in China and noted that the joint Jordanian-Chinese Committee which is due to convene in the coming year was expected to define priorities for bilateral cooperation.

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem, who saw off his Chinese counterpart, said in a statement at the airport that Jordan and China shared identical views on the Palestinian problem, the Lebanese crisis and the Iran-Iraq conflict.

He expressed hope that the prevailing détente in the international scene would be conducive to helping to promote peace in the Middle East and settle the region's conflicts.

Later Monday Qian arrived in Egypt on the second leg of his Middle East tour.



Prime Minister Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker Monday receives the visiting Chinese foreign minister at the prime ministry. Also present is Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem (Petra photo)

## 5 senior officers retire

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — Five senior officers from the Public Security Department have been retired as of Sept. 19, 1989 in accordance with a decision by the Cabinet.

An official statement said that the retired officers, all of whom have the rank of major general are: Nasuh Muhieddin Marzouqa, Ghazi Jarrar, Yusef Gharaibeh, Mahmoud Abdul Rahman Al Khashman and Abdul Wahhab Salim Al Nawaiseh.

The decision comes five days after the appointment by a Royal Decree of Major General Fadel Ali Faheed as PSD director

general following the resignation of Lt.-Gen. Abdul Hadi Al Majali who had served as PSD chief since 1985.

The official announcement gave no reason for the decision.

Majali, who officially leaves office on Sept. 21, has just concluded a meeting in Cairo by Arab police chiefs on cooperation among Arab countries in combatting crime and dealing with terrorist activity and drug trafficking.

The two-day meeting reviewed Jordan's experience in operating prisons and reformatory centres, and recommended further cooperation among police services in the Arab World, according to a statement issued at the end of the meeting.

The next police chiefs meeting is to be held in Sanaa, North Yemen in September 1990.

## Ministry contemplates setting up sports complex in Madaba

MADABA (Petra) — The Ministry of Education is contemplating the idea of setting up a sports complex for Madaba's government schools which will also serve as a nucleus for a major sports city in the region, minister of education Adnan Badran said in a statement here Monday.

Addressing a meeting with educational department directors and educationists, the minister said the cost of the projected plan is JD 150,000.

The minister who inspected educational installations, said

that the ministry seeks to set up school buildings at various regions, depending on the density of population and in conformity with the 1987 national educational conference resolutions.

The school buildings, Badran said, will be surrounded with fields to be grown with trees in a bid to green the Madaba district, a project will be carried out in cooperation with the local councils.

Badran started his tour of the district by opening a number of school annexes which together cost JD 113,000.

Later, he inaugurated Al Ma'mounieh Preparatory School which cost JD 175,000 and a secondary school for boys that cost JD 256,000.

The minister also laid the foundation stones for two other schools which will have an overall cost of JD 945,000.

Badran announced Sunday that the current two shift schools will disappear by 1988, the deadline for the implementation of the 1987 conference resolutions which called for the provision of appropriate school buildings in all regions.

## Special laboratory for pre-natal health care to open Wednesday

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN — A week of Jordanian-Swedish cooperation in health care is in the offing to coincide with the six-day state visit of King Carl Gustaf and Queen Silvia to Jordan.

The first of two events, organised by the Institute of Child Health and Development (ICHD), was the announcement of the opening Wednesday of a genetics laboratory at the University of Jordan. The laboratory, financed by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and set up with Swedish help, will be formally opened by King Gustaf.

A delegation of Swedish paediatricians, child health experts and gynaecologists explained the envisaged functions and duties of the facility. The laboratory is the result of efforts exerted by the institute's chairman, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, and Jordan's medical community in coordination with the Jordanian-Swedish Medical Association.

The Institute of Child Health and Development, which serves the residents of eastern Sweleh, was established in November 1986. It was initially funded by Sweden through the Swedish organisation Save the Children. The Noor Hussein Foundation has now successfully taken over the administrative and economic responsibilities of the institute.

Hind Dawani, the institute's director, said Queen Silvia was scheduled to pay a visit to the facility during her stay in Jordan.

The genetic laboratory will serve as an information centre to the Jordanian public, furnishing instrumental information about pre-natal health care. It will test pregnant women and determine whether the fetus is likely to be affected by a genetic disorder or malfunction within the first six to 12 weeks of conception, according to Dr. Mohammad Khanib, who is closely involved with the laboratory.

Prince Ra'd stressed that "our role is to provide the services to make people aware of the kind of illnesses that their children could

be born with. This laboratory was born out of a real need. We received many petitions of help from Jordanian fathers and mothers to who had 10 or 12 children, half of whom were mentally or physically impaired. This laboratory is part of our response to that need. Now the other half of the solution will lie in the hands of the parents. We want people to be fortified with all the necessary information, so if they do have a handicapped child they cannot say it is fate."

The Jordanian-Swedish Medical Association will hold a seminar at the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Jordan Wednesday, entitled "pre-natal brain damage, causes, management and prevention." Some 400 physicians, health administrators and other health officials are expected to attend the event, which will be opened by King Gustaf. It will be followed by a medical exhibition.

The infant mortality rate in Jordan, which reached 40 per 1,000 a few years ago, is on a steady decline, according to Dr. Bengt Lagerkvist, an international child health expert, who will be presenting a lecture at the university seminar Wednesday.

He added that "certain risks could be foreseen. Simple screening techniques allow for early detection of malfunctions in the baby. We are establishing medical links with Jordan on an increasing level through the medical association and the university of

Uppsala. We hope that Jordan will benefit from know how that Sweden has developed."

While all agreed that Jordan would do well to benefit from the advancements in Swedish medical knowhow, it was agreed that priority must now be given to address the primary causes of mental and physical handicaps among children in the Kingdom.

Khatib said the genetic laboratory would by no means be able to deal with all the genetic disorders in the Kingdom at this stage but that the services it would provide were a good beginning. He noted that more services would require more funding for equipment and trained staff, including doctors, technicians and nurses.

Dr. G. Lindmark, a Swedish gynaecologist and a member of the medical delegation that will be involved in the seminar, said: "Health is a condition acquired over generations, not in one or two years. A child's health begins when its mother is an infant, not when she is a full-fledged woman."

The subject of improved health care will be the highlight of the third day of the Swedish royal visit. The members of the medical association said they felt that the visit was a good opportunity to highlight Jordanian-Swedish cooperation, in which Jordan will likely be the benefactor of Swedish medical knowhow.

## Work on Zarqa wastewater treatment plant, network

AMMAN (J.T.) — Work on a sewerage network and a wastewater treatment plant in the Zarqa region is expected to be completed in the coming year at the overall cost of JD 15.1 million, according to the Ministry of Water and Irrigation.

Also a sewerage network and another wastewater treatment plant will be completed in Irbid in the coming year at the cost of JD 17.6 million, the ministry's Operations Department Director Saqr Al Salem said in a statement to the Jordan News Agency, Petra.

The Zarqa sewerage project entails laying a 238-kilometre pipeline network while the Irbid project entails laying a pipeline network of 280 kilometres.

At present Jordan has 12 wastewater treatment plants in different regions, receiving and handling some 40 million cubic metres of water annually.

According to Salem the major wastewater treatment plant in Jordan is situated at Khirbet Al Samra near Zarqa, and is responsible for handling wastewater from Amman, Zarqa, and Ruseifa.

## WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

### EXHIBITIONS

- ★ The Indian Trade Fair at the International Fair Centre, Marj Al Hamam. Open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for business visitors and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. for general public.
- ★ An art exhibition by Jordanian artist Omar Boudi at Irbid's Young Women's Centre.
- ★ A photo exhibition, with video shows and booklets, on the history of the Monarchy in Sweden at the Royal Cultural Centre.
- ★ A photo exhibition by French artist Jean-Noel de Soye displaying photos projecting fashion accessories such as jewelry, caps, scarfs and belts, at the French Cultural Centre (the exhibition also displays slides on the history of fashion) — 8:00 p.m.

### FOLKLORE

- ★ An evening of Caucasian folk dancing by the Wainabakh Folklore Group at the Palace of Culture, Al Hussein Youth City — 8:00 p.m.

## RSS attends seminar on linking research networks

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Royal Scientific Society (RSS) has participated in a seminar on "scientific and technological information and computer networks in the Arab states: Status and the role of cooperation," which was recently held in Bloudan, Syria.

The seminar discussed recommendations adopted during previous seminars and proposals dealing with the establishment of a scientific and technological information network linking scientific and educational research establishments in the Arab World, the Director of RSS Information and Computer Software Centre, Dr. Yusef Nusseir, said.

He added that he presented a paper on the information networks in the Arab countries and their use.

The paper proposed the establishment of a scientific and technological information network covering the countries of the Arab Cooperation Council, Gulf Cooperation Council, and the Arab Maghreb Union, he noted.

The seminar adopted a number of recommendations among which is the formation of a provisional committee to follow up matters related to the said network.

The RSS was chosen to be a member of the committee.

The seminar was attended by representatives of Arab countries as well as ten regional organisations.

# INDIAN TRADE EXHIBITION

AT INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION HALL, MARJ AL-HAMAM

SEPTEMBER 14-22, 1989

TIMINGS: 10.00 hrs. — 13.00 hrs. (For Business Visitors)  
16.00 hrs — 20.00 hrs. (For General Public)

### DISPLAY PROFILE

Engineering goods including automobile spare parts, agricultural implements, telecommunication systems, consultancy services, office equipment, earth moving equipment, cinema projectors, machine tools, hand tools, builders hardware, cosmetics and other consumer goods.

### PARTICIPATION PROFILE

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